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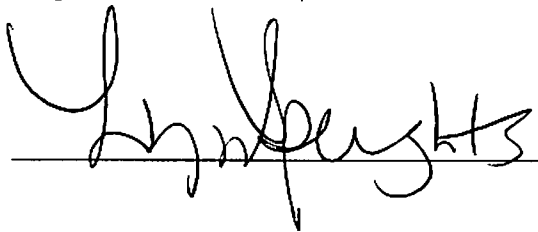
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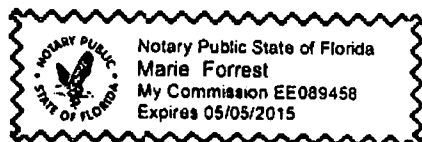
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Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

94184  
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA,

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE CONTINUED ANNUAL IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO FUND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND FACILITIES

The City Commission of the City of Springfield will conduct an annual public hearing at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2014 at the Springfield Community Center, 3728 E 3rd St, Springfield, Florida 32401 to address and consider the continued imposition and collection of special assessments to fund fire protection services, facilities and programs. The special assessments are again proposed to be allocated among assessable tax parcels within the City of Springfield according to a two (2) tiered methodology pursuant to which a portion of the costs attributable to the City's continual readiness to provide fire protection services will be shared equally among all tax parcels on a per tax parcel basis (Tier 2), and a portion of the remaining costs will be shared in accordance with the relative value of improvements for each tax parcel in the City as compared to the value of improvements for all tax parcels in the City (Tier 1). For the fiscal year which commences October 1, 2013, the Tier 1 rate is proposed to be \$0.62 per \$1,000 of improvements and the Tier 2 rate is proposed to be \$88.31 per parcel. These tiered rates are unchanged from the last Fiscal Year. Since then the benefits to property and methods of apportionment adopted by the City Commission, and the use of proceeds of the normal valorem assessment to pay for capital equipment and facilities have been judicially validated as for proper, legal and paramount public purposes and fully authorized by law

by the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial District of the State of Florida, in and for Bay County. The annual fire assessment began in Fiscal Year 2012-13 and will continue from year to year and is expected to be collected again for Fiscal Year 2014-15 on the annual property tax bill by the Bay County Tax Collector. The Fiscal Year 2013-14 fire assessment for each tax parcel will include any payment delinquency balance associated with that parcel from Fiscal Year 2012-13. Bills for the subject assessments for this Fiscal Year are expected to be mailed to all affected property owners shortly after approval by the City Commission. The total revenue to be collected through the assessment for Fiscal Year 2013-14 is approximately \$440,000, excluding prior year delinquencies, any applicable statutory discounts, and collection and administration costs per tax parcel. To learn more about the fire protection services special assessments please go to either <http://quicksearch.nearnet.com/pan/gskd/> or <http://www.springfieldfl.org/fire-services-assessment.html>. All affected property owners have a right to appear at the hearing and to file written comments or objections with the City before or during the hearing. Failure to pay the assessment could cause foreclosure or a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in a loss of title. Persons needing special accommodations should contact the City Clerk at (850) 872-7570. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by City Commission with respect to any matter considered at the hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be made.

City Clerk  
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